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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the [Department of Health home page](http://www.doh.wa.gov) (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Benton County

In June 2011 the Chemical Dependency Professional Program charged chemical dependency professional trainee **Heather Maldonado McNabb** (CO60151778) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In June 2011 the Nursing Commission released registered nurse **Chaunce E. Ruff** (RN00133919) from terms and conditions set against her license.

Clark County

In June 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Warren B. Kertland** (RN00126578) with unprofessional conduct. In August 2010 he was allegedly found disoriented in a parking lot, and tested positive for benzodiazepines, cannabinoids, and opiates. He allegedly failed to respond to Department of Health inquiries regarding the allegations.

In July 2011 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program entered into an agreed order with paramedic **Richard L. Wilson** (ES01166403) and placed his certification on probation for one year. He engaged in sexual intercourse with a minor patient's mother. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

King County

In June 2011 the Medical Commission charged physician **Benson Chen** (MD00047239) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to respond to commission requests for information.

In June 2011 the Dental Commission denied the application of dental assistant **Traci B. Chisley** (D160181165). In 2008 her credential to practice as a denturist was suspended for five years. Between October 2008 and December 2010, she practiced as a dental assistant without a valid credential.

In July 2011 the Medical Commission charged physician **Karen Hamilton** (MD00034688) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to respond to commission requests for an explanatory statement of the allegation and a copy of medical and billing records of the complainant.

In June 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program granted the application of **Adela G. Hussen** (HC60220302) and placed her license on probation for two years. In April 2010 terms and conditions were placed against another of her health care assistant credentials. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her current license.

In July 2011 the Massage Program terminated the order of probation against **Sheri R. Lewis** (MA00014271).

In July 2011 the Health Care Assistant and X-Ray Technician Programs charged **Bernadeth G. Smith** (HC60015965, XT00002980) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly authorized unlawful prescriptions to pharmacies by phone verification, and printed and delivered patient profiles to a person using them to make unlawful prescriptions to make money.

Kitsap County

In June 2011 the Medical Commission charged physician **Lila Aflatooni** (MD00024955) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against her Washington license, and failed to provide adequate care to patients.

Lewis County

In June 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant applicant **Debbi Marie Thompson** (NC60208345). While working as a registered nursing assistant, she left several residents unattended in raised beds, resulting in one patient suffering injuries after falling out of the bed.

Pierce County

In July 2011 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Konstantin V. Kurkov** (HC00156456) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly performed a pelvic exam on a patient which he was not authorized to do. In April 2011 he was charged with second-degree rape, and his license to practice as a registered nurse was immediately suspended.

Skagit County

After a hearing in July 2011, the Chemical Dependency Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Kelly T. Glass** (CO60191529) and placed his certification on probation for three years. Between March 1989 and January 2001, he was convicted of one felony, eight gross misdemeanors, four misdemeanors, and three classifications unknown. In 2002 he was convicted of forgery, possession of a controlled substance — methamphetamine, identity theft, and four counts of forgery. In 2005 he was convicted of delivery of controlled substance — methamphetamine, possession of stolen property, and four counts of forgery. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

Snohomish County

In July 2011 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery charged osteopath **Delbert L. Whetstone** (OP00001171) with unprofessional conduct. The care he provided allegedly fell below the standard in the management of a patient's chronic pain, and in prescribing practices.

Spokane County

In July 2011 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Nancy D. Blake** (RN00156969) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted Ativan from patients for her own use.

In July 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Talisha A. Hibbs** (NA60073120) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly solicited and accepted \$630 from a patient.

In July 2011 the Certified Counselor Program released **Shannon Michelle Withrow** (CL60160536) from terms and conditions set against her certification.

Thurston County

After a hearing in June 2011, the Chemical Dependency Professional Program granted the application of chemical dependency professional trainee **Joel A. Forthman** (CO60187479) and placed his certification on probation for three years. In January 2007 his application to be a registered counselor was denied for failure to respond. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his certification.

In June 2011 the Dental Commission charged dentist **Robert P. Parks** (DE00004389) with unprofessional conduct. Allegations include failing to meet the standard of care when treating a patient for a root canal, failing to properly anesthetize a patient, failing to keep adequate patient treatment records, and failing to perform or maintain a weekly log of performing biological spore testing on autoclaves.

Whatcom County

In June 2011 the Dental Commission denied the application of dental assistant **Ashlyn L.**

Hammons (D160206886). In January 2011 she was charged with three counts of forgery.

Yakima County

In May 2011 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of registered nursing assistant applicant **Lilia Gutierrez** (NA60192257). In 2010 she was convicted of driving under the influence, and was charged with driving while license suspended on more than one occasion.

Out of State

Arizona: In July 2011 the Chiropractic Commission reinstated the license of chiropractor **Matthew J. Reilly** (CH00034693) and placed conditions against his license. He must comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Idaho: In June 2011 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Sarah M. Green** (VA60011002) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly diverted hydrocodone from her place of employment and was arrested for unlawfully possessing a controlled substance without a prescription, and theft. She allegedly failed to respond to Department of Health inquiries regarding the alleged diversion and arrest.

Michigan: In March 2011 the Board of Osteopathic Medicine and Surgery denied the application of osteopathic physician applicant **Randy Ellis Drumm** (OP60100166). In 2001 he was convicted of homicide-solicitation of murder, and controlled substance-possession. In 2002 the state of Michigan revoked his license to practice as an osteopathic physician.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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